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**THE OLD  
DALLES  
COURT HOUSE**

At a request from headquarters the Portland Journal's Dalles correspondent secured data and in a well written article, gives a good history of the old court house in this city, which has been used as a city jail many years, and was last week removed to its present quarters. Accompanying the article is a fine picture of the old building taken by Paul Velarde and kindly furnished to the writer.

The article is as follows:

The old city hall, formerly the first court house, in Wasco county, now moved to give place to a modern building, is a historical relic worth possessing. In 1858 the contract for the old building was let, and it was completed in 1859. At that time Wasco county, which was organized by an act of the territorial legislature in 1854 and included that part of Oregon territory lying east of the Cascade range, and from the Columbia river and the forty-sixth parallel, south to the forty-second parallel, was the only political division smaller than a territory between California on the south and British Columbia on the north. Its area of about 130,000 square miles embrace more territory than the British Isles or than any of the present states of the union with the exception of Texas, California and Montana and more than twice the area of New England.

The diminution of this immense territory was first begun when Oregon was admitted into the union, February 14, 1859. By that act Wasco county was deprived of one-third of its area and all that portion east of the Snake river was annexed to Washington territory. Five years later this became the southern portion of Idaho and in the meantime portions of the old county had been attached to Montana and Wyoming.

Then the legislature of Oregon began whittling old Wasco into other counties. In 1862 Baker and Umatilla counties were organized by act of the legislature, with Baker City as the county seat of the former and Pendleton of the latter. Grant county was cut off from Wasco in 1864, and Canyon City was named

as the seat of government. In the same year Union county was formed, with Union as the county seat. Then followed Lake in 1874, county seat Lakeview; 1882, Crook, Prineville county seat; same year Klamath with Klamath Falls county seat; '85 Morrow and Gilliam with Heppner county seat of the former and Condon of the latter; 1887 Malheur, Vale; 1889 Harney, Burns; 1891 Sherman, Moro; and 1899 Wheeler Fossil being designated as county seat.

From an area of 130,000 square miles it has been whittled down to a little over 2000 square miles, and from extending from the Cascades to the Rocky mountains, its extent is only about 58 miles from the Cascade Locks to the mouth of the Deschutes. When Cascade county is sliced off, if it ever is, Wasco will be one of the smallest counties in the northwest.

The first session of district court was held in The Dalles by Justice Cyrus Olney, one of the justices of the Oregon territorial supreme court, on August 14, 1854, but after the court house was built and Wasco county was formed into a judicial district, Joseph G. Wilson was appointed judge. This was in 1861, and the appointment was made by Governor A. C. Gibbs.

Judge Wilson was the first judicial officer who presided in the old court house. He was elected to and continued in the office until 1870, when he resigned and was the nominee of the Republican party for congress, but was defeated by James H. Slater. In 1872 he was again a candidate and defeated John Burnett. He went to Washington city and on the eve of the convening of congress was invited to deliver an address before the alumni of Marietta college, of which he was a graduate. Arriving at Marietta he went to his room and was found dead the next morning of heart failure.

Judge Wilson was succeeded by B. Whitten, who served on the bench until the next election, when L. L. McArthur was elected to the position. He served until 1882, when he resigned and the new court house was completed the following year. Judge Whitten returned to the practice of his profession, and died at Baker City a few years afterwards.

Judge McArthur, after resigning his position on the bench became a leading member of the Portland bar, and died there a few years ago.

This is the history of the old

county and of the old court house; but hereafter they will be reminiscences to be recounted by some of the oldest inhabitants.—The Dalles Chronicle.



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One of the most interesting of recent railroad enterprises was the building of a cut-off for the Southern Pacific across Salt Lake. This road above the water is some 35 miles in length, is carried along in places where the water has a depth of 30 odd feet, and was made safe for travel only after many difficulties had been overcome.

Soon there will be another railroad with a course above the sea. It is being built by Henry M. Flagler as an extension of an existing line from Miami to Key West. The entire distance between the two points is 156 miles, but it is not all open water. The road goes by a chain of islands, and 42 of these keys, as they are called, and 75 miles of water will be crossed. The depth of water is from one to 30 feet.

Much interest attaches to the use of concrete in the work, and the Cement Age says that "by far the most important part of this wonderful undertaking is the six miles of concrete viaducts that span the deeper and more exposed parts of the gulf and ocean."

Certainly the illustrations which go with an article on the road in that magazine reveal a most substantial-looking structure, and the figures on the material used are big enough to arrest attention—286,000 barrels of cement, 177,000 cubic yards of crushed rock, 106,000 cubic yards of sand, 612,000 lineal feet of piling, 5700 tons of re-enforcing rods and 3,600,000 feet of dressed lumber for arched forms.

At the time when the article was written seventy of the 184 acres in the viaduct had been constructed, and it was reported that the work was progressing at the rate of one arch or 50 feet a day.

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of the Florida East Coast Railway.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**From the Far West to the Far East.**

Reaching Moosejaw—a divisional point and the junction with the Soo line, we quit the Canadian Pacific and take the Soo to St. Paul. Moosejaw is a thriving town of 7000 souls. It possesses mills and elevators and gives other evidences of being in the vicinity of a great wheat producing country. I am told that the country from Moosejaw to Winnipeg is one of the richest wheat producing countries in the world. Still it is a very cold and inhospitable country in the winter season. Moosejaw owns its own water works and electric plant, and it is said the people are greatly in love with the system. Its flour mills and elevators indicate the character and qualities of the surrounding country.

Taking the Soo line at this point, we are now on the most direct line to Minneapolis and St. Paul. After a few hours run we are in North Dakota, passing through great wheat, barley and oat fields. Here the crops are very good, but the season is much later than formerly. Most farmers are not more than half through with their hay, which seems to be quite abundant. The Soo line passes through the central part of the state but gradually angles across the state to the southeast. The great Red river valley is from 60 to 100 miles east of it, but before reaching the Minnesota line we cross the south end of the valley and get a view of its immense wheat fields, fine buildings and well-wooded streams. Everywhere the crops seem to be unusually late. Now and again we saw farmers at work in their barley fields and some few were cutting early oats. If the wheat crops should ripen—of which there is some doubt—the harvest yield of North Dakota will be an immense one, and the people need a good one, after passing through such a terrible winter as that of 1906-7. We notice, however, that they are piling up great quantities of coal at the different stations, and are not to be caught again, if they can help it.

From the Red river valley to Minneapolis is but a continuation of the same conditions as prevail in North Dakota—a late season, people haying, heavy crops of all kinds of grain and potatoes. This is the 13th day of August, and very little harvesting has been done—showing that crops are at least a month later than on other years. Still the people everywhere appear to be prosperous, happy and hopeful as to the future.

Minnesota is a beautiful state. It is a prairie state and yet the country is dotted with large and beautiful lakes, bordered with trees and other attractions. In this respect it differs greatly from both North and South Dakota, for in these states there are few lakes and less timber.

We arrived at Minneapolis on August 14th, where we have a sister living, and for a day and night laid off and enjoyed ourselves immensely visiting some of the nearby watering places and other attractions of this magnificent state.

J. H. F.

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